



General Assembly

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION OF
RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2016*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "person" means any employee of a public agency, as defined in
3 section 1-200 of the general statutes, or any contractor that has entered
4 into a state contract with such public agency. No person shall, except
5 for purposes directly connected with the administration of programs
6 of the Department of Housing and in accordance with the regulations
7 of the commissioner, solicit, disclose, receive or make use of, or
8 authorize, knowingly permit, participate in or acquiesce in the use of,
9 any list of the names of, or any information concerning, individuals
10 applying for or receiving assistance from the Department of Housing
11 or individuals participating in a program administered by said
12 department, directly or indirectly derived from the records, papers,
13 files or communications of the state or its subdivisions or agencies, or
14 acquired in the course of the performance of official duties. The
15 Commissioner of Housing shall disclose (1) to any authorized
16 representative of the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction
17 Services any information necessary for the implementation and
18 operation of the basic needs supplement program; (2) to any
19 authorized representative of the Commissioner of Administrative
20 Services, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public

21 Protection or the Commissioner of Social Services such information as
22 the Commissioner of Housing determines is directly related to and
23 necessary for the Department of Administrative Services, the
24 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or the
25 Department of Social Services to collect social services recoveries and
26 overpayments or amounts due as support in social services cases,
27 investigating social services fraud or locating absent parents of public
28 assistance recipients; (3) to any authorized representative of the
29 Commissioner of Children and Families necessary information
30 concerning a child or the immediate family of a child, including safety
31 net services, if (A) the Commissioner of Children and Families or the
32 Commissioner of Housing has determined that imminent danger to
33 such child's health, safety or welfare exists to obtain the services of the
34 family services programs administered by the Department of Children
35 and Families, or (B) the Commissioner of Children and Families
36 requires access to the federal Parent Locator Service established
37 pursuant to 88 Stat. 2353 (1975), 42 USC 653 in order to identify a
38 parent or putative parent of a child; (4) to any authorized
39 representative of the Commissioner of Early Childhood to carry out his
40 or her respective responsibilities under programs that regulate child
41 day care services or youth camps; (5) to a health insurance provider, in
42 IV-D support cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of
43 section 46b-231 of the general statutes, information concerning a child
44 and the custodial parent of such child that is necessary to enroll such
45 child in a health insurance plan available through such provider when
46 the noncustodial parent of such child is under court order to provide
47 health insurance coverage but is unable to provide such information,
48 provided the Commissioner of Housing determines, after providing
49 prior notice of the disclosure to such custodial parent and an
50 opportunity for such parent to object, that such disclosure is in the best
51 interests of the child; (6) to any authorized representative of the
52 Department of Correction, in IV-D support cases, as defined in
53 subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of section 46b-231 of the general
54 statutes, information concerning noncustodial parents that is necessary
55 to identify inmates or parolees with IV-D support cases who may

56 benefit from Department of Correction educational, training, skill
57 building, work or rehabilitation programming that will significantly
58 increase an inmate's or parolee's ability to fulfill such inmate's support
59 obligation; (7) to any authorized representative of the Judicial Branch,
60 in IV-D support cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b)
61 of section 46b-231 of the general statutes, information concerning
62 noncustodial parents that is necessary to: (A) Identify noncustodial
63 parents with IV-D support cases who may benefit from educational,
64 training, skill building, work or rehabilitation programming that will
65 significantly increase such parent's ability to fulfill such parent's
66 support obligation, (B) assist in the administration of the Title IV-D
67 child support program, or (C) assist in the identification of cases
68 involving family violence; (8) to any authorized representative of the
69 State Treasurer, in IV-D support cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of
70 subsection (b) of section 46b-231 of the general statutes, information
71 that is necessary to identify child support obligors who owe overdue
72 child support prior to the Treasurer's payment of such obligors' claim
73 for any property unclaimed or presumed abandoned under part III of
74 chapter 32 of the general statutes; or (9) to any authorized
75 representative of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
76 any information necessary for the implementation and operation of the
77 renters rebate program established by section 12-170d of the general
78 statutes. No person shall disclose any information obtained pursuant
79 to this section, except as specified in this section. Any applicant for
80 assistance provided through the Department of Housing shall be
81 notified that, if and when such applicant receives benefits, the
82 department will be providing law enforcement officials with the
83 address of such applicant upon the request of any such official
84 pursuant to section 2 of this act.

85 (b) In IV-D support cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of
86 subsection (b) of section 46b-231 of the general statutes, in addition to
87 the prohibitions of subsection (a) of this section, no information shall
88 be released concerning the whereabouts of one party to another party
89 (1) against whom a protective order, a restraining order or a standing

90 criminal protective order with respect to the former party is in effect;
91 or (2) if the department has reason to believe that the release of the
92 information may result in physical or emotional harm to the former
93 party.

94 (c) The Commissioner of Housing shall provide written notice to an
95 individual applying for or receiving assistance from the Department of
96 Housing or an individual participating in a program administered by
97 said department that such individual's address, telephone number and
98 any other necessary information may be provided to the Department
99 of Children and Families pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (a)
100 of this section.

101 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2016*) The Commissioner of
102 Housing shall disclose the current address of an applicant or recipient
103 of benefits under any program administered by the Department of
104 Housing, unless prohibited by federal law, upon the request of a
105 federal, state or local law enforcement officer if the following
106 conditions are met:

107 (1) Such officer provides said department with the name of the
108 recipient;

109 (2) (A) Such officer notifies said department that the recipient is
110 fleeing to avoid prosecution, or custody or confinement after
111 conviction, under the laws of the place from which the individual flees,
112 for a crime, or an attempt to commit a crime, which is a felony or high
113 misdemeanor under the laws of the place from which the individual
114 flees, or violating a condition of probation or parole imposed under
115 federal or state law as a result of the commission of such a felony or
116 high misdemeanor, or (B) the recipient has information necessary for
117 such officer to conduct official duties in relation to a crime committed
118 or an attempt to commit a crime which is a felony or high
119 misdemeanor in the state in which the crime is committed or
120 attempted; and

121 (3) The location or apprehension of the recipient is within official
122 duties of such officer.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	New section

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